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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Jul-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 07/08/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/01/06
Broiler/fryer	139,510	171,348
Light hens	835	993
Heavy hens	141,428	1,674

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	WEEK ENDING 01-Jul-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	103	0	103
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	107	0	107
Same week yr ago	240	0	240
To-date/2006	5,106	19	5,125
To-date/2005	7,187	33	7,220

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,109	1,614	2,723
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,126	1,557	2,683
Same week yr ago	1,814	1,452	3,266
To-date/2006	34,899	38,420	73,319
To-date/2005	47,625	36,006	83,631

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 01-Jul-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	168,518	1,006	1,614	2,620
Avg Wt	5.24	3.46	8.08	6.31
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	166,972	1,019	1,557	2,576
Same wk yr ago	174,829	1,574	1,452	3,026
Avg Wt	5.47	3.27	8.03	5.55
To-date/2006	4,202,012	29,793	38,401	68,194
To-date/2005	4,154,948	40,438	35,973	76,411

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 170.6 million head, or 8.1 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 24-Jun-06

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	29,049	22,894	51,658
Avg Weight	3.76	4.73	6.43
% of total /1	28%	22%	50%
Last week	24,530	22,459	54,458
Avg Weight	3.65	4.65	6.33
% of total /1	24%	22%	54%
Same week, yr ago /2	30,112	25,652	54,561
Avg Weight	3.78	4.83	6.34
% of total /1	27%	23%	49%
To date/2006	672,212	486,728	1,348,517
To date/2005	691,671	550,493	1,230,930

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 01-Jul-06  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,098	2,616	27	8	4,749
Avg Wt	17.23	37.17	28.04	26.94	28.29
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,226	2,597	44	6	4,873
Same wk yr ago	1,908	2,687	74	3	4,672
Avg Wt	15.77	37.09	24.92	23.70	28.18
To-date/2006	49,850	65,118	571	141	115,680
To-date/2005	43,616	66,371	617	74	110,678

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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